

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES – **APPROVED 2-24-15**

January 6, 2015

Regular Meeting

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Dow called the meeting to order at 6:20pm.

2. Roll Call.

Answering the call were Chairman George Dow, Patrick Trevino, Councilor Charles Denault, Kittery Town Manager Nancy Colbert Puff, and Stephen Kosacz. Mr. Carlson was absent.

3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption. None

4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.

Without objection, the Chairman cast one vote to approve the minutes of meetings on 11/18/2014 as presented.

5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

None.

6. Committee Reports.

None

7. Unfinished Business.

A. Chairman Dow reviewed with the Committee the Report to Council and the action by the Kittery Town Council to extend the sunset period of the EDC to 12/31/2015.

B. Town Manager Nancy Colbert-Puff relayed to the committee that she had spoken with Mr. Cullen's representative regarding Mr. Cullen's property as well as the other business owners with the area defined as the Business Park. The committee has taken the position that it will allow the property owners to bring to the committee any business opportunities; however, the committee feels that it should gain a greater understanding of the limitations within the Business Park and the types of business opportunities that can be entertained, this in an attempt to help the business owners in their search for business development.

C. As a means of gaining greater knowledge of growth limitations in the areas of the Business Park, Northern end of Rte.1, the current Kittery Water District site, etc., the committee will look to engage meetings with the Planning Board to gain the much needed knowledge of growth limitations, and in doing so perhaps work with the Planning Board to develop growth areas in a way to offer greater growth potential through measures such as Overlay zoning, contract zoning, etc.

D. The Committee discuss that as a means of understanding business growth and the benefits to Kittery that speaking with businesses, as was conducted in the past, could serve to build a stronger relationship between the EDC and Kittery business owners, and to also investigate business needs, as done with the recent Foreside Forums, and serve as an advocate to the Planning, Board, Town Council, etc. who have a direct impact on business growth and development.

8. New Business.

None.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

A. Councilor Denault discussed the possibility of having local Realtor's meet with the EDC to help build a greater understanding of the business opportunities that have been inquiring on business opportunities with Kittery. This extended into meeting with the Kittery Planning Board to discuss limitations within existing areas of development, e.g. Business Park, North Rte.1...

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: TBD

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by the Mr. Denault. Seconded by the Chair. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

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